

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
LOWELL, MA

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



**Mass Schedule** 

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT**

We at Immaculate Conception Church are a welcoming community of faith that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus by journeying in faith, sharing in joy, and living in hope. Come join us.

Adoration and Holy Hour
First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

## **Parish Membership**

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved.

New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.

# 144 East Merrimack Street Lowell, Massachusetts 01852

Rectory: 3 Fayette Street
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Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday

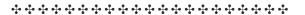
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Rev. Nicholas A. Sannella, Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Healey, SM, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Raju Muringayil, O. Praem, Assisting Priest
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Deacon Carlos Desousa
Sister Irene Martineau, SASV, Secretary & Bulletin Editor
Ms. Claire Couillard
Pastoral Associate
Director of Religious Education Gr. 1-10

Catherine Fiorino, School Principal School Tel: 978-454-5339 School Fax: 978-454-6593 Parish Website: www.iclowell.org



#### **Sacraments**

**Baptism** – On an individual basis by appointment. Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation - By appointment

**Matrimony** – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

**Ministry to the Sick** – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.

### **Parish Meetings**

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

**Adult Choir:** 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to

12 noon



# **Immaculate Conception School**

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## SCHOOL FACULTY 2021-2022

**Director** Rev. Nicholas Sannella **Principal Miss Catherine Fiorino** Pre-K 3yr. old Mrs. Karen Mercuri Pre-K 4 yr. old Mrs. Cynthia Hanley Kindergarten Miss Pam Marquis Mrs. Amanda Chretien Grade 1 Miss Amy Donovan Ms. Katie Brownlie Grade 2 Mrs. Kathleen Lawton Grade 3 Mrs. Kelly Farias Mrs. Patti Dalimonte Grade 4 Mrs. Sue Normandin **Miss Emily Caplice** Grade 5 Miss Laura Plona **Miss Christie Mercuri** Grade 6 Mrs. Leeann Plona Grade 7 Mrs. Teri Buckley Grade 8 **Miss Heather Chiros** Mrs. Jennifer Grav Art **Mrs. Noelle Crowley** Computer Ms. Linnea Brown **Music PK-8** Ms. Irene Lavallee

**Physical Education** TBD

Reading Support/Title I Mrs. Vina Troianello Spanish Gr. 6-8 Mrs. Judith Papp

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> Kristi Mietzner Ann Marie Dalton,

**April Poirier** 



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

This statement from Jesus is actually very similar to the famous passage from Matthew's Gospel where he says, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (25:40).

But in Matthew, this idea of serving Jesus by serving others is applied to more dramatic cases:

the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned, the naked and the stranger.

Isn't it interesting to note that caring for children can

also be a way of experiencing Christ's presence among us? For many people,

"receiving" a child is part of their daily routine.

Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them

throughout their lives.

Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children God has placed in their circle.

Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the "business" of receiving children.

How wonderful to think that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ!

Because dealing with children can become routine,

or at times even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring.

Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today's Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that.

When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we "receive" them as they are with all that entails--we are in turn receiving Jesus ...

who first came to us as a child

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASSES

<u>Saturdays – 4 PM</u> Sundays – 8 AM and 10 AM

Next week: Saturday – September 25, 2021

4 AM Ronald & Gail Polubinski 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

James J. Mullin, 28th Ann.

Ruth McKenzie, birthday

Sunday -- September 26, 2021

8 AM Anne C. White

10 AM Margaret "Peggy" Farley, 10th Ann.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** 

August 28-29, 2021

Weekly Collection: \$5,254.00

**Building Fund: \$1,536.00** 

September 4-5

Weekly Colletion: \$4,681.00

**Building Fund: \$2,414.00** 

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## PENNSYLVANIA AMISH-LANDS TOUR RE-SCHEDULED

Father John Hogan,
of St. William's, will host a
Pennsylvania Amish lands
Tour November 8-11, 2021.
The highlight of the Tour will be a
Live performance of "Queen Esther"
at the Sight and Sound Theatre
in Lancaster.

Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new original stage production.

The tour will include a guided tour of the Amish Countryside and also a performance of "Winter Wonderland" at the American Music Theatre. For Tour Group information, please call Father Hogan at 978-851-7331.

Because of the popularity of this tour, please register by October 1st.

The tour cost will include motor coach transportation from St. William's in Tewksbury on

November 8<sup>th</sup>\*

## ON LINE GIVING COMING IN THE FALL AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH.

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## CORI TIME 2022 CORI FORM

to be completed by all volunteers

MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of
age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any
parish ministry, must complete a CORI form
(Criminal Offense Record Info.).

This form requires verification of identity with a

This form requires verification of identity with a photo document

(e.g. MA Driver's License or passport)
There are no exceptions to this requirement.
The CORI form is available at the Rectory Office
Monday-Thurs. 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
beginning 8/16 to 9/30, 2018.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society members

need to speak to

Mr. Peter Richards

to arrange to fill the Cori form

Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing
to serve our parish community as a volunteer.

This is our way of showing you that we are committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.

\*\_\*\_\*\_\*\_\* BEREAVEMENT GROUP

THE HOPE AND HEALING ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH-10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST OLD PARISH HALL

<u>WHEN SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE DIES</u> When someone close to you dies everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Often this can turn your life upside down. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness

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All are welcome to a safe place to share your story, find comfort, hope and encouragement, as you continue a new path in life.

Registration is not required

# Immaculate Conception Religious Education Calendar 2021-2022

Sundays listed below from 9:00 am to 11:00 am Immaculate Conception School SEPTEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> First Class



OCTOBER: 03, 17, and 31



**NOVEMBER:** 14 and 21



DECEMBER: 12



**JANUARY 2022 09 and 23** 



FEBRUARY: 06 and 13



MARCH: 06 and 20



APRIL: 03

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

## SATURDAY-September 18, 2021

4 pm LaBelle, Dumont, Campbell Families

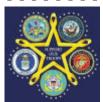
## SUNDAY September 19, 2021

8 am David Goodrich

10 am Frances A. Keegan Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Keegan

Clinton E. Barter, 14th Anniversary

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# PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR ARMED FORCES

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## **OCTOBER 4, 2021**

St. Mary's Mission in Lancaster, PA will return to pick up Religious Items. If a loved one has passed away, you wish To support this Mission work, bring your statues, rosaries, medals, crucifixes, Nativity scenes and other items, but NO BOOKS or PRAYER CARDS.



## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

# (CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK'S REFLECTION)

Such appreciation unfolds slowly after much study and reflection. It does not become evident at once in a single glance.

Even today many Catholics are inclined to think that St. Joseph is a wonderful saint, but he was not the real father of Jesus, so we honor him as protector of Mary. With that passing comment, such persons promptly forget St. Joseph and relegate him to the background.

Actually this opinion was the common outlook in the first thirteen centuries of Christianity. Church history shows that St. Joseph was the victim of benign neglect in the lives of our saints and Fathers and Doctors of the Church. St. Augustine and some other thinkers wrote of St. Joseph, but his mention is sparse. The tide turned slowly in the next five hundred years and we find simple beginning of a solid devotion to St. Joseph.

The theology of his vocation, dignity, holiness and intercession began to flower only in medieval times, and the seventeenth century was the golden age. The enthusiasm of St. Teresa of Avila for St. Joseph was remarkable, vividly expressed in her writings, and perpetrated in the twelve new convents given St. Joseph's name.

(To be continued next week.)

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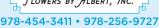
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